



Video Review Policy

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1. The use of video in hockey has become increasingly prevalent, along with the quality of available technology. Many teams involve the use of video technology as a teaching or player/team development tool, in addition to parents or family members recording games for personal use.

2.0 Purpose

- 2.1 Hockey New Brunswick acknowledges that video evidence may possibly support the decision makers, and as such, may consider it in the decision-making process, where approved and at its discretion.
- 2.2 The policy will apply to all minor hockey programs, with the exception of leagues that have approved video review policies.

3.0 On-ice official judgement

- 3.1 Hockey New Brunswick holds the position when it is appropriate to use video review in conjunction with Hockey Canada Rule Book 5.1 (c):

“A Referee shall have full authority and the final decision in all matters under dispute. His decision shall be final on all questions of judgment and not subject to appeal.”

- 3.2 Video submissions that are protesting a referee’s decision will not be considered unless it is outlined in this policy.

4.0 Video that may not be reviewed

- 4.1 Hockey New Brunswick will not accept the following unless otherwise outlined in this policy:
- i. Video for the purpose of reviewing goals, disallowed goals, off-sides, or icing calls;
 - ii. Video for the purpose of reviewing the conduct or actions of any team or individual player unless otherwise outlined in this policy;



5.0 Video that may be reviewed

5.1 Hockey New Brunswick may accept video of incidents under one (1) or more of the following criteria:

- i. Videos for the purpose of identifying the correct player in situations where an incorrect player may have been identified by the on-ice official(s) and issued a penalty resulting in suspension. This excludes players who have been issued a penalty without a suspension;
- ii. Videos for the purpose of reviewing the conduct of game officials, players or coaches during altercations, specifically when the use of force is concerned;
- iii. Videos for the purpose of reviewing a game situation that has, or may have, resulted in a serious injury to any player whether a penalty was assessed or not;
- iv. Videos for the purpose of reviewing a penalty that carries a suspension of 3 or more games.
- v. Videos for the purpose of reviewing the conduct of spectators or parents.

5.2 Only videos submitted or endorsed by an Association or Team will be reviewed.

5.3 Video may be requested by Hockey New Brunswick at any time to aid in its decision making related to on or off ice conduct.

6.0 Submission process

6.1 A review shall occur when the following has been submitted by the respective Association or Team to the Executive Director of Hockey New Brunswick.

- i. A copy of the video in its entirety (note: the video must include 30 seconds prior to the infraction in question as well as 30 seconds after the infraction occurred).
- ii. A \$200 submission fee payable to Hockey New-Brunswick (note: \$100 will be reimbursed for overturned suspensions);
- iii. A copy of the game sheet;
- iv. Submission form;



v. All documentation must be submitted within 5 days of the game in question or 5 days after a suspension has been issued, whichever occurs later.

6.2 The maximum allowable requests from any single team shall be 3 per season.

7.0 Review procedure

7.1 A discipline committee with a minimum of one representative from Hockey New Brunswick's Minor Council Executive and one representative from the New Brunswick Hockey Officials Association will review all submissions.

7.2 One of the following determinations shall be made:

i. The review is conclusive that the official misapplied the rule and/or used incorrect judgment resulting in revision or revocation of the corresponding suspension(s);

ii. The review is conclusive that the official applied the rule correctly and/or used correct judgment resulting in the penalty/penalties or non- suspensions remain in effect.

iii. The review is inconclusive where the video recording does not provide a sufficiently clear view of the incident resulting in any decisions and/or suspension(s) from a penalty or penalties assessed remaining in effect.

7.3 The review is final and shall not subject to any further appeal.